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Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: December 4, 2013/ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Chair: Jessica Szlag
Vice Chair: Clint Loper
Recorder: Dylan Ahearn
Location: Seattle City Hall, L280

Minutes Distribution List:

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Members Present:

Jeff Aken, Kristi Rennebohm Franz, Clint Loper, Lara Normand, Merlin Rainwater, Ester Sandoval, Dylan Ahearn, Michael Wong, Alfonso Lopez, Izzy Sederbaum

Members Absent:

Jessica Szlag, Jodi Connolly

Guests:

Kevin O'Neill (SDOT), Sara Zora (SDOT), Terry Plumb (SDOT), Wendy Wheeler, Joe Quintana, Steve Durrant, Sam Woods (SDOT), McKayla Dunfey, Alec Billroth, Davidya Kasperzyk, Tracy Krawczyk (SDOT), Tom Fucoloro

Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Clint Loper

Announcements

Introductions of all in attendance including the neighborhood in which they reside.

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impact which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planing processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

- City Council
Resolution 25534

Public Comment

No public comment provided

PRESENTATIONS

Time: 6:10

BMP Update

Presenter: Kevin O'Neill (SDOT)

Purpose: To inform the Board about how comments were addressed in the final Mayor-approved BMP update.

Kevin updated the board on where the BMP update is in the review process and about how comments were addressed in the most recent revision. The BMP was submitted to Council by the Mayor in the first week of December. Kevin mentioned that Council would like input from the Board outlining our opinion of the update. The latest update of the BMP was issued with a reader's guide which includes how comments were addressed. The following were SBAB primary comments and how they were addressed:

1. More emphasis on safety and education – the BMP update now includes this.
2. Include a short term implementation plan – SDOT will produce this but it is not ready for review.
3. More focus on operations and maintenance – address in latest revision
4. Add a bike plan coordinator position to SDOT staff – not done yet.

Primary public comments:

1. Alter design of NE 65th – revision includes a reduction in cycle track length on NE 65th
2. No cycle track on Stone Way N – revision uses a proposed Woodland Park Ave. N greenway instead.
3. Add Fauntleroy Way SW cycle track – revision includes cycle track on Fauntleroy
4. Show alternate routes for Burke-Gilman Trail "missing link" – a legend is now added to the map indicating that an EIS is underway and the proposed missing link route may change.
5. Many neighborhood greenway route tweaks – revision includes numerous route changes.

Kevin noted how the BMP update is different from the 2007 BMP: it focuses on All-Ages and Abilities biking, has a large focus on neighborhood greenways, and stresses multi-modal considerations.

Kevin then stepped through the major headings of the plan. The plan calls for a bike network of 600 miles, of which 130 are already built. Less than half the miles are on arterial routes. Of those that are on arterials half are bike lanes and half are cycle tracks. It is a 20 year plan with a 3-5 year implementation plan. The planning level cost estimate is \$390 to \$524 million to implement the plan (excluding catalyst projects and programmatic efforts).

December 10 is the briefing to the Seattle Council Transportation Committee.

December 11 is a special meeting about the plan. Early 2014 is the schedule for adoption.

Questions, Comments, Answers:

- The board noted that the cost estimate seemed low. SDOT and their consultant indicated that a lot of calculations and research went into the cost estimate and they feel the plan could be implemented within the range provided.
- Board members asked what SDOT will do to prioritize the high quality projects? SDOT noted that the vast majority of the plan is greenways so this is what we will see built the most. Bike lanes will still go in where there are needed connections, but the majority of the work will be AAA facilities.
- The Board members noted that it is an ambitious plan that will make the city more livable and vibrant.
- Board members noted the term “Enhanced Streets” is still used in the BMP, and requested removing this term. SDOT appreciated the edit suggestion and will remove it.
- Board members noted the Broadway cycle track opening has been sporadic with confusing signage, and hoped the implementation of new facilities in the BMP will not follow this model. SDOT indicated that some of the signage about construction needs to stay in place until the entire project is completed. SDOT said there was a rush on opening a section of the cycle track for the 2013 Railvolution conference for attendees to see new development of Seattle bike facilities and that there can be a public opening ceremony when the entire project is completed. .
- The Board would like a debrief from neighborhood groups and SDOT on how the implementation process has gone for first few greenway projects. SDOT agreed that this would be a good thing to do.
- The Board asked when the 3-5 year action plan will be released? SDOT indicated that Council may require this as part of the final BMP update adoption in early 2014.
- Board members requested that SDOT elaborate on how race and social justice has been stressed in the plan. Response: SDOT is trying to move away from “complaint-based service delivery” because this results in the neighborhoods with more time, resources, and connections getting the majority of the service. Instead they are locating projects based on equity and need.
- Is there a plan for public engagement on controversial projects? SDOT has learned a lot from recent project roll outs and is now refining how to deal with the public on a lot of these more controversial projects.
- Will “cycle track” or “protected bike lane” be used in the BMP? Both.

Time: 7:15

Upcoming Freight Planning Projects

Presenter: Sara Zora (SDOT)

Purpose: To inform the Board about the 2014 freight planning projects. This was an introductory presentation; more details may be useful as these projects progress.

Sara noted that the following plans will be developed:

- Freight Access Project (FAP) – specific to the Port of Seattle (POS) and specific projects to improve flow between Manufacturing Industrial Centers (MICs). The two MICs in Seattle are the POS waterfront and Interbay. The FAP is a building block for the Freight Master Plan. Transpo, Inc. is the selected consultant and work has already begun on the plan. It will be complete by July 2014. The Freight Advisory Board will be the citizens review board for the FAP.
- Freight Master Plan (FMP) – Citywide freight plan. FMP will have a more diverse citizen's advisory group guiding it (not yet selected). This is a council adopted modal plan. The 2005 Comp plan called for the FMP. The update will be released later in 2014.
- Port of Seattle Container Access Study (CTAS) – a smaller study specific to moving freight in and out of the Port area.

Questions, Comments, Answers:

None.

Time: 7:30

23rd Avenue Corridor Project

Presenter: Terry Plumb (SDOT)

Purpose: To inform the Board about alternative neighborhood greenway alignments paralleling 23rd Ave. in the Central District.

Terry began with a "Greenways 101" talk and then presented two possible alignments for this proposed greenway: 1) 21st and 22nd Aves.; and 2) 24th and 25th Aves. North of E Galer St., both routes need further study. A second project (the Ridge Greenway) will be implemented in 2015 and runs parallel to 23rd along 16th, 17th, and 18th Aves. The two proposed routes have the following attributes:

21st and 22nd (preferred alignment):

- Safe
- Low grades
- Slow and low traffic
- Few recorded accidents
- Good access
- Lots of existing traffic circles
- Good crossing at E Madison St.

24th and 25th:

- Safe
- Low grades
- Slow and low traffic

- Few recorded accidents
- Bad pavement conditions in sections
- Cobble side streets make access difficult
- Lots of existing traffic circles
- Difficult crossing at Madison

Community feedback will be held from January to February 2014. May – June 2014 design of Phase I will be finalized. July – November 2014 Phase I will be built. Phase I will extend from Jackson to John.

Questions, Comments, Answers:

- The Board recommended considering using the east alignment from Judkins Park to E Pine St and the west alignment from E Pine St to SR-520. SDOT said they would evaluate this. The Board discussed holding a bike tour of the alignment on December 7, 2014 as a follow-up step.
- Board members asked if the cycle track on 23rd no longer an option at all. This is the preferred option of at least some members. SDOT will get an answer.
- Board asked how much this project will cost. The cost of all three phases of the greenway is estimated to be \$2.4 million.

SBAB UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS

The Board thanked the presenters. The next SBAB meeting will be on January 8th in the Seattle Municipal Tower room 3762. Arrive before 6 to get in before the door lock. On December 10, 2014 the new SBAB members will be official inducted by council.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

ATTACHMENT A

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SBAB Members

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